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Letter dated 17 April 2007 from the President of the Economic and Social Council addressed to the members of the Council

I have the honour to write to you in relation to the nominations to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues made by organizations of indigenous people. In accordance with resolution 2000/22 of 28 July 2000 on the establishment of a Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, and after formally consulting the Bureau of the Council and regional groups, as the President of the Economic and Social Council I have decided to appoint to the Forum, from among candidates nominated by indigenous organizations, the eight members listed below.

The eight members will serve for a period of three years, from 1 January 2008 until 31 December 2010. They were selected from the seven sociocultural regions used by the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, namely, Africa; Asia; Central and South America and the Caribbean; the Arctic; Eastern Europe, Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia; North America; and the Pacific. It is understood that the eighth member is nominated from one of the three regions with the largest indigenous populations.

In deciding on the nominees, the members of the Bureau took into account the principles of geographic distribution, gender balance, experience, personal capacity and nominating organization(s), as well as other factors.

(*Signed*) Dalius **Čekuolis**
Permanent Representative of Lithuania to the United Nations

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Annex

Members appointed from among candidates nominated by indigenous organizations

Hassan Id **Balkassm** (Morocco)

Margaret **Lokawua** (Uganda)

Victoria **Tauli-Corpuz** (Philippines)

Lars-Anders **Baer** (Sweden)

Elisa **Canqui Mollo** (Bolivia)

Pavel **Sulyandziga** (Russian Federation)

Tonya **Gonnella Frichner** (United States of America)

Michael **Dodson** (Australia)